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Jim Corbett Picks Kilbane and Coulson As Big Fight Winners

Ex-Heavy Champ Believes That Cleveland Will Mix Things Attell Has Fine Chance of Being Beaten—Other Gossip.

By James J. Corbett

Former Heavyweight Champion of the World.

Attention of the pugilistic world will be centered upon the little fellows this coming week. The smallest classes in professional boxing are furnishing the greatest in the way of class entertainment. Two titles are involved in the week's program.

Tomorrow Johnny Coulson, recognized champion of the U. S. A., will defend his title from the attack of little Frankie Burns, the Jerseyite, without doubt the classiest boy in the division that the east has produced of late.

I know nothing of Gordon from personal observation, but Burns is no stranger to me in the ring. I have seen him box the best bantams in New York and vicinity and he generally has a shade at the finish. As to ability to box I can't see where Coulson can have anything on him as Burns is a very fast and skilful boy. They tell me Johnny is not alone handy with the gloves, but is also a very hard hitter. It may be in quipping he excels Burns, for the latter does not pack a dangerous wallop, or at least not in the bouts I have seen.

The stage setting for the piece de resistance of the week is at the Los Angeles, and the day and date Thursday, February 22. The principals, Abe Attell and Johnny Kilbane, and the featherweight championship of the world.

I have been requested by dozens of fight followers to give my opinion as to the outcome of this struggle, and I have never seen Kilbane in action. I have been under the impression that he is of the Ad. Wolgast type of fighter, a knock-out type, and that he would give me a fight. In recent talk-fests fans who claim to know him well have said he is a long range fighter.

It is a hard fight to do, one constant in on the decline, there is no question of that, and the other a "corner." As a rule the latter is the one to string with, but this fight is an exception. Attell is not the wonderful kid he was two or three years ago. His fight with Knockout Brown proved that much. Of course, he was in the best of condition, but the old time Attell needed only a hair out and a snore to beat a boy of the Brown variety.

If Kilbane elects to make it a test of cleverness, he will win. He will not of his weight can, to my mind, beat the champion at that style of game. It will take a strong, hard-hitting aggressive fighter to wear him down, and who will give him no time to rest up and who will be boring in every second. Attell has been sent to the stage where he can't stand much of the rough work and Kilbane's cue is to fight on that point.

But it must be borne in mind that the champion is not "all in" by any means. Proper training, and understanding he is devoting himself to the right sort of work for this bout, will bring to the ring a pretty good sample of the champion. At his best, Kilbane is an inconsistent performer and in recent years shown such startling reversals of form on the night of the fight. I don't want to predict that he is "through" for he is able to spring a surprise party at any time. We've seen him behind Kilbane who would fight on the aggressive from the top of the bell. To stand off and try to outbox Attell would make the latter a veteran of the contest. Abe is a veteran who knows every in-and-out of the game. To beat him Kilbane will



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have to bring into play his natural advantage of speed and strength, and fight every inch of the way. If he can weather the storm of Abe's punches for a few rounds, and then begin to clinch, he will have a chance. He has an excellent chance of being returned featherweight champion.

The managers of the Empire club of New York city claim to have signed a contract with the champion, Kilbane, to box Carl Morris at their club the latter part of March. Tom O'Rourke, Kilbane's manager, has been such a suggestion that any other fighter is to have first chance at the Briton. Kilbane has been informed that Eddie Graney, Jim Coffey's rival, has been offered a proposition to box Kilbane in San Francisco on the fourth of July. Graney has obtained O'Rourke's consent for Kilbane. The offer to the Bomber includes training and traveling expenses and a big slice of a \$50,000 purse.

Just which Yankee "hope" lands Mr. Wells time alone will tell. In the mean-

er, the tank also is used as a tire inflator. Unless something better is evolved it would appear as though the pure air pressure system will eventually be universal. It is basically much superior to any contrivance on the market today.

It is claimed for the silent Knight motor that it will maintain a proportionate increase of power with the number of crank shaft revolutions. This it has been conclusively shown. The silent Knight motor will not do. The reason may be attributed to the non efficiency of the cam shafts with the engine running at high speed.

The J. F. Knox automobile company of El Paso is quite naturally indignant over a printed statement made from Silver City, regarding the El Paso Phoenix tour which inferentially, at least, would have motorists believe that because the J. F. Knox car climbed the San Juan hill going into Deming that it was incapable for further traveling and was left at Deming. A matter of fact the car was sold to that point before it left El Paso and was delivered there, merely accompanying the touring autoists to that point. Its feat in climbing the San Juan hill was an excellent demonstration of what a good popular price car can do on low gear.

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BANQUET WINNERS OF BOWLING YEAR

Wilkinson's Team Finishing at the Top, Gets Feed at Harvey House.

Wilkinson's team carried off the honors in the bowling tournament of the Smelter league, which came to a close Friday night. The winners are to be honored at tonight's banquet at the Harvey house, the losers standing the treat. The standing of the teams in the Smelter league closes as follows:

Wilkinson's	32	16	567
Chapman's	25	23	521
Edwards	25	23	521
Posters	16	32	333

In the final match, played at the Harvey house, the Chapman's team won, 2 points to 1, from the Posters. The match was very close, the margin being 30 pins. Posters, of course, made both hits. The results follow:

Chapman's team—	1	2	3	4
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NOTES OF DIAMOND IN MAJOR LEAGUES

Bob Hyatt, the West Point athlete, who joins the Tigers at the close of the military academy when he becomes a full-fledged officer, has played every position on the ball team since he has been in school. If he can do this well Hugh Jennings will be happy.

It will not be long before 16 clubs will be scattered over eight states below the Mason and Dixon line. There will be over 1000 players of the major and class A minor leagues that will invade Dixie.

Billy Kelley, former St. Paul catcher, but now with the Pirates, is anxious for the ball season to open—not so much to try himself out, but to help his battery partner, Marty O'Toole, make good. He says Marty's spittball will prove interesting this coming season.

The Washington Senators will stop at a furnished room house at Charlottesville, Va., and a minister's wife will furnish the meals. Should the team not suit quite an education awaits the woman.

Funny, isn't it, how the politics and the scandal of the game is forgot as the training days near? About all the news these days concerns real ball players.

Davy Jones says that the blow on the head he received when he was hit by Frankie Lange of the White Sox last summer started him on the down grade. Davy will have to go some to make good in the minors the coming season.

Jim McAleer has been in Boston long enough now to enjoy an order of codfish balls.

Catcher Bill Clark, the veteran of many big league battles, already has started on his second season as coach of the Princeton university baseball team.

Connie Mack has written to senator Pearson protesting against congress passing the child labor act. If it goes into effect the Athletics will have to sever strings to a score or more of players.

TAKE THE NATIONAL TITLE AT INDOOR LAWN TENNIS

New York, N. Y., Feb. 17.—While C. Grant and L. M. Burt were defeated by S. R. Alexander and T. R. Pell, the champions in the match for the national indoor tennis title, in doubles played here. The champions won in three straight sets, 3-7, 6-4, 6-0.

CORNELL BASKETBALL TEAM BEATS PRINCETON EMILY

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 17.—The Princeton basketball team was defeated by Cornell here last night, 32 to 18.

Papke Is Going To Have A Chance To See Whether He Can "Come Back"

Tom Jones Protege Has a California Fight Scheduled—Gossiped Here and There in the World of Sport.

By Lewis Arms

WE don't, of course, want to grab the game of our various railroads but, honest now, how many of those fine bathing pictures which we see in the magazines and which are advertising winter resorts telling how fine the water is in January and February, were taken in July and August?

If you fall out of an aeroplane the chances are that you will collide with a cement walk with results not at all gratifying to yourself. If you tumble from a hydro-plane you hit the water and subsequently probably are drowned. What is your choice?

Billy Papke, who is essaying the role of the "come back kid," will meet Mantel at Sacramento next week. Papke changed his mind about going to Mexico City and went straight to Los Angeles instead where he put himself under the protecting wing of Tom Jones. Sentiment on the coast is that Papke can come back. Also they believe that while Jones is behind him Papke's usual faint heart will not be so much in evidence. The "thunder-bolt" party surely did do some wonderful fighting in the early part of his career and since he has never been very decisively beaten save by Stanley Morford, there seems a strong probability that he can get away with the come back hurdle which so spectacularly tripped the illustrious figure of our ex-American hero Jimmy de Jeff.

Tom Jones is a horse fish as well as a sartorial wonder and prize fight manager. With Los Angeles almost sick with pugilistic champions Tom saw the chance to pull off a real picture stunt which would take in the whole bunch of 'em and he promptly put his plan in operation. The result is that he has several fights in which Wolgast, Attell, Coulson, Jeffries, Conley, Papke and many others are featured. There will be no trouble in getting people to pay for that kind of a film.

Jones was a boxing instructor before he took hold of Papke up in Kenosha, Ill. He broke into the management end of the game because he had the feeling that there was lots of money in Papke.

"I never want to handle a man whom I can't whip myself," says Tom, referring to the squabbles which he and Papke used to have. Jones is regarded as an excellent second and ring manager.

Kilbane and Attell meet at 122

pounds which is practically catch weights for both of them.

N. M. W. Goodbye, old kid. Sure we know how it is. Some day we'll take the ball and chain, too, maybe.

There are 31 fight clubs said to be operating in New York City alone. Who said the game was on the rollers?

That Newswired baby is one which refuses to grow up.

The score between them now is Mutt, 574; Jeff, 286.

If any one of the new leagues conceived to battle the American and National goes into operation, which at this writing does not seem particularly imminent, the big guns of the game it is said have a scheme to whip-saw the rebels. They will make of the American association a twelve club organization and run it into the major league cities which now have but one team.

The necessity of a two club circuit has never been conclusively demonstrated. It would appear as though it could work all right and it is no doubt in its proposed state would be an effective check-mate to outlawism.

A team at the bottom of a twelve club league certainly would have a long haul to the top.

There is probably the one person whom we always pick to win regardless of odds, climatic conditions, physical fitness, or anything else. She hasn't been picked in a long time. The interest out of women's tennis. She

and Willie Hoppe are the kill-joys to aspirants of tennis and billiards, respectively.

James Galloway brings out the point that catchers continually standing behind the bat, stiffen their legs and thereby become negative quantities as base runners and are beaten out of many hits which they should have. Could they get down to first base in a bit better time. Callahan's assertions are substantiated by the base stealing records of the American and the National leagues.

Since there is no good reason why the catchers should stoop behind the bat, as they do it only to signal the pitcher, Callahan suggests that they stand straight.

This would, incidentally, make the game faster, as the catcher consumes several seconds on every pitched ball and in the aggregate these seconds saved would make the game shorter by several minutes. It is a mighty fine idea and should be carried out. Possibly James can evolve a way in which the catcher can signal the pitcher while standing straight and still preserve the lodge like secrecy which now envelops his actions.

Mordred Brown is going to pitch again for the Cubs, despite his mid-winter declarations.

If he doesn't sign up, Frank Chance has 17 other twirlers from among whom he is to pick his 1912 staff. But still there probably are no "Brownies" among these.

Deliver us from the man who thinks he understands. He is a man who words and tries to work 'em off about every 19 minutes.

WHAT HAS CUBLEY GIANTS ARE LIKE

Naughton Doubts if Chicagoan Is Taking "Big Fight" Very Seriously.

(By W. W. Naughton.)

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 17.—Jack Curley during his recent visit to San Francisco had so much to say about wrestler George Hackenschmidt that some of the smart fellows jumped at the conclusion that the Flynn-Johnson pennant was a "stall" with Curley, and that it is a Gutch-Hackenschmidt event he is trying to pave the way for. Would it be funny if it turned out that way?

Of a certainty it is the easiest thing in the world to make Curley drop Flynn as a conventional theme and begin talking about Hackenschmidt. Jack becomes semi-emotional, in fact, when talking of the Russian. He rather than disappoint the public went into that other match at the White Sox park, Chicago, with wrenched ligaments and sprained bones.

If memory serves, the public was not let into the secret of Hackenschmidt's injuries, but after the fight he was placed. There is reason to believe that quite a number of persons knew that the Russian had hurt one of his legs seriously. According to Curley, the services of at least one eminent surgeon were required to bandage Hack's crippled limb in such a way that the lion might make a bluff at engaging in a wrestling bout with Gutch, or what.

What Did Hack Do? And it isn't quite clear how Hackenschmidt saved the public from disappointing him. He was silent about his incapacity and allowed a piggish crowd that ever paid its way to a wrestling event to gather in the expectation of seeing a genuine match.

And right there was where the real disappointment came in. Curley, Hackenschmidt, has received news that the injured knee is scarcely ready yet for another tour of the United States. As a result, the Russian will be shown a splinter of a bone drift from one of the lion's shanks or joints and until he is repaired in some way, Hackenschmidt will have to remain in retirement.

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CHICAGOAN IS BIG STAR IN SKATING CARNIVAL. Boston, Mass., Feb. 17.—The final heats of the big international amateur night skating championships last night brought together many of the best skaters in this country and Canada. Robert McLean, of Chicago, won the two distance events, the mile and two miles, as well as the half mile, while O. H. Bush, Canadian champion, captured the 220-yard dash and took second in several other events.

(By Horace H. Shelton.)

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 17.—Texas baseball fans have more than an ordinary interest in the squad of known and unknown quantities that John McGraw will pilot to Texas for the annual spring training at Austin and elsewhere in this state.

The writers of the National league year book, published in 1911 and 1912, and Texaco, with Shreveport the season that city was in the Texas league, saw the two latest Texas league players to affix their signatures to a New York contract.

The bunch of youngsters who will have to contend with McGraw's team includes Fred Stock, infielder; Eugene Faust, catcher; George Burns, outfielder; Henry in Grob, infielder; John Ferrell, pitcher; Arthur Bues, infielder and pitchers Rube Evans and Jeff Tesreau.

McGraw of the New York Giants, than whom there are few better informed as to baseball and an enterprising manager of baseball, says in a recent issue of the Sportsman, a magazine that ever paid its way to a wrestling event to gather in the expectation of seeing a genuine match.

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FERN'S GOING IN GOOD FORM KNOCKS OUT DAVE DESHLER. Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 17.—Clarence Ferns, of Kansas City, knocked out Dave Deshler, of Boston, in the ninth round of a scheduled ten round fight before the Grand Avenue Athletic club here last night.

AIR PRESSURE IS CORRECT STARTER

All Other Methods Have Limitations or Are Basically Wrong.

(By Auto-Graph.)

The proposition of a self starter, one that has agitated motor manufacturers since time immemorial, is more strongly focused than ever this season when not a few builders have announced this as additional equipment on their 1912 models.

It has developed into a matter of taste, concerning what style of self starter is desired for at present various kinds of self starters are being marketed.

The ideal self starter is, of course, one that will unfailingly start the motor. It supplements this by also acting as a tire filler. These two functions are all that could be expected in a self starter and would, if perfected, obviate two of the most important and unpleasant features of motorcars.

Fortunes have been spent in the perfection of an electric battery starter. Mechanical perfection was not had and although a few cars use this style of self starting the sponsors for this type have almost all withdrawn from the field. Neither the electric starter act as a tire inflator.

One of the most popular 1912 cars on the market utilizes the coil spring starter and the catchet starter. This is not wholly unsatisfactory. Besides being rather unhealthily the springs about a tendency to crystallize and snap. Neither will it pump tires.

There is another scheme which robs the engine of its compression by placing cylinder gas into a storage tank. While this is eminently satisfactory as a starter as a tire inflator it is not a success from the fact that the gas evolves a diluted sulphuric acid which rapidly destroys inner tubes upon inflation.

Among a number of others, is a contrivance attached to the crank shaft, which revolves the motor by hand power through a lever. Adjusting the spark and operating the lever, much as an emergency brake is operated, sets the motor going. This, too, is unsatisfactory and neither will it inflate tires.

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Nations Of Earth Meet Next Olympiad In Big Running Races



United States Will Do Well to Get Plurality of Points.

(By Monte.)

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Distance running is on the boom in every part of America where athletics are fostered. More still, it is on the boom in practically every country in the world. France, Germany, England, Egypt, Austria, Hungary, Sweden, Greece, Italy and even Japan are all "in the game," doing their best to develop runners who can negotiate several miles in world-beating time.

For the Olympic games at Stockholm next summer there are three long distance races programmed—5000 meters, 10,000 meters and the Marathon. It is the first of the modern Olympiads with more than two long races.

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The wonderful Frenchman, Jean Bouin, and American distance kings who will be opposed to him in the Olympic games. Bouin is in the center. Above, on the left, is George Bushag, America's foremost runner over the 5000 and 10,000 meter distances, which will be contested in the Olympic games, and on the right is Billy Kramer, rising young five and 10-meter, of Long Island, who is also one of a place on the American team. Below are two of the country's best Marathoners: On the left is Clarence DeMar, of Boston, who is coming to the front rapidly of late, and on the right is Rudolph Hatch, of Chicago, one of the veterans of the country over the grueling course.

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